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## THE CIRCUIT COURT

### COMPLETE REPORT OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

Court met at the Court House, Arcadia, Oct. 23, 1906, Judge J. Wall presiding, States Attorney S. Phillips at his post, and the sheriff, clerk, and sundry members of the bar in attendance.

The grand jury was composed of W. Langford, foreman, O. H. Parker, Sec., W. B. Beeson, G. H. Hayman, Henry Futch, H. G. Johnson, James Carlton, A. C. Addison, R. L. Cowart, A. J. Stewart, L. M. Richardson, B. F. Roberts, Carl Hayman, D. C. Bethea, P. Bass, R. L. Rowland, W. B. Peterson, C. P. Lamb.

The petit jury for the first week was: J. W. Freeman, S. W. Conroy, J. W. Johnson, James Ferrell, J. Bates, P. B. Weaver, J. H. Young, E. E. Waldron, T. L. Hancock, C. C. Carlton, John P. Hendry, W. A. Stewart, John Mercer, Frank Waldron, Robt. Campbell, M. P. Gardner, E. Higginbotham, Z. H. Simmons.

The following cases have been disposed of:

State vs Lock Addison, selling liquor, tried by jury, not guilty.

E. T. Smith vs T. D. Powell and W. Payne, tried by jury, verdict for plaintiff \$137.86.

Forrester & Burton and M. L. Williams for use of R. B. Campbell vs W. H. Hooker, tried by jury, verdict for plaintiff \$692.30.

First Nat Bank vs F. E. Parker, Geo. R. Parker, tried by jury and found for plaintiff \$1166.66.

M. H. Blount vs W. E. Hendry, jury, verdict for plaintiff, \$125.

State vs W. A. Roberts, plead guilty to selling liquor, 3 months sentence suspended during good behavior.

State vs A. B. Kinsey, selling liquor, plead guilty, 3 months sentence suspended.

State vs H. L. Mobley, selling liquor, plead guilty, 3 months sentence suspended during good behavior.

State vs Robt. Newberry, selling liquor, nolle prossed.

State vs M. R. Gill, Selling liquor, plead guilty, \$250 or 3 mos.

State vs Frank Earney and Burry Mason, grand Larceny, five years in State pen, sentence suspended during good behavior.

State vs Percy Roberts, selling liquor, \$25 or 3 months.

State vs Albert LeBearth, selling liquor, \$10 or 30 days.

State vs Geo. Smith, selling liquor, six months, sentence suspended.

State vs Thos. Summeralls, larceny, tried by jury, mistrial.

State vs Joe Arnold, aggravated assault, tried by jury, guilty, hard labor for three months.

State vs Will Martin, selling liquor, tried by jury, guilty, sentence suspended.

State vs Tom Furgeson, assault with intent to murder, two years in state pen.

State vs Geo. Peterson, assault with intent to murder, guilty, two years in state pen.

State vs Albert Grillion, selling liquor, three months, sentence suspended.

State vs Hettie Whidden, selling liquor, plead guilty.

John Thompson, appellant vs City of Arcadia, appellee, appeal

from Mayor's Court, judgment reversed, costs to City.

James Kitchen vs City of Arcadia, appeal from Mayor's Court, judgment reversed, costs to City.

State vs John and Henry Cowart, grand larceny, tried by jury and convicted.

Following is the petit jury for this week: E. N. Brown, E. D. Willis, Samuel Boole, G. W. Gatewood, T. F. Williams, A. S. Johnson, E. F. Waldrop, W. H. Kayton, Daniel Coker, J. W. Collins, Tom Peterson, A. B. Robertson.

### Campmeeting.

One of the grandest campmeetings ever known in Florida was held five miles north-east of Ft. Meade which began October 11 and lasted until October 21. Precious souls were saved and others saw the true light and came out of Babylon. Thirty-one precious souls were buried beneath the water Saturday morning, October 29. Others were saved and will be baptized later. Healing power was manifested and great and marvelous work done.

Bro. B. E. Warner, from Springfield, Ohio, preached the word in its light and purity. People from all over the United States attended this meeting. All this was done to glorify God's precious name.

FRED BROWN.

### Great Jacksonville Carnival.

The Jacksonville Carnival will begin Monday, November 5th and closes Saturday night, November 10th. The plans for this year's Carnival make it one of the greatest amusement events in the entire country. The various attractions, shows, etc., originally cost, it is estimated, over two million dollars. They cost the Carnival Association over \$18,000 for the one week. All the railroads are offering a one-half fare rate. It is estimated fifty thousand people will attend. The New York Hippodrome attractions are worth going thousands of miles to see, and can be seen in the south only at the Jacksonville Carnival next week.

One of the most brilliant and memorable special days of the coming State Fair will be Veterans Day, for which November 22 has been designated. On this occasion the Third Florida Brigade, with Sons of Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy, will hold their annual reunion, which has for several years proved so enjoyable and successful. At the same time the Grand Army Veterans of Florida will meet and the "Old Confederates" and "Yanks" will march through the streets of the city, arm in arm, together, making a scene beautiful to look upon. In short, the Confederate reunion will be in the nature of a "Grey and Blue" reunion.

Mrs. R. L. Holzendorf, who has been spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Vernon Clyatt, has returned to her home at Holzendorf.

Wm. Crouch, of Punta Gorda, is General Gilchrist's agent for getting up DeSoto's exhibit for the fair.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. R. E. Whidden is ill again, and trust she will soon recover.

The new buildings going up in Arcadia are beginning to show up well.

## News of the Week In DeSoto County

As Reported by The Champion's  
Excellent Corps of Correspondents  
A Resume of Current Events

### Brownville Items.

Brownville the land of the orange and the home of the trucker.

Our packing houses are running with full time and every thing is astir. There will be 25,000 boxes of oranges shipped from here this season. 20,000 last year. The writer was in Arcadia last week and it reminded him of the fall of the year in Mississippi. Everybody got a move on them. If the people of South Florida keep up the push and energy throughout the year they exert during the orange gathering season what a paradise South Florida would be? We need the competition of the C. H. & N. Ry. This will bring the A. C. L. folks to their senses. The service is simply terrific.

We are glad to hear that some citizens down there did their duty last night, (Friday). That's the way boys it beats swinging them to a limb. Hurrah for Arcadia!

Our village continues to grow. Labor is in great demand. Labor is in great demand. Our school is flourishing and bids fair to run nine months. Come to Brownville, build your homes where you can educate your children. Fine water and as healthy locality as can be found south of the Alleghenies.

Joe Thomas, of near Ocala, was visiting a friend in our midst last week. Come again Joe providing you don't take any of the fair sex away with you.

Mrs. J. S. Hollingsworth returned a few days since from a month's visit to her daughter, Mrs. Sid Pearce, of Ft. Bassenger. Sorry to learn that she has been quite unwell. Hope she will soon be herself again.

Mrs. J. H. Owen and children are visiting her sister in Ft. Myers. Miss Edna Hollingsworth accompanied her.

Orange buyers are on our streets every day.

We are glad to report that S. V. Daniels and his sister, who have been seriously ill for several weeks, are on the road to recovery.

A. S. Waldron has treated his family to a new horse and buggy.

Miss Lessie Hollingsworth is spending several days with friends in Arcadia.

Miss Jessie Ellis has been helping her father revise the registration list in Arcadia. Isn't it nice to have such a girl.

D. S. Williams has bought another horse and wagon so he has a double team.

The Orr residence is finished and ready for occupancy but the Captain says he hates to give up his old cabin. The truth of it is we think he does not want to move in by himself.

### MUD SPLASHER.

### Board of Trade on Drainage.

The following circular letter was sent out by the Ft. Myers Board of Trade together with a map of the drainage district and an explanation of how drainage was to be accomplished:

FORT MYERS, FLA., Oct. 15, 1906  
To the Business Men of Florida:

Knowing that the business men of a town or community are a potent factor in molding the opinion of their trade and the public generally, the Board of Trade of Fort Myers, composed of eighty-two members, at a meeting held October 8, 1906, decided to put before you our relation to and interest in drainage—the great question which is now agitating the people of our fair state. We beg your kind consideration of the matter which we present to you.

Friends, harken to the appeal contained herein. On account of the devastating overflows from which we have suffered the past few years we do not ask financial assistance but we DO ask your co-operation in the adoption of this drainage amendment. The people of Lee county are unanimous for it, reports to the contrary notwithstanding. We are the ones who pay this special tax and we only ask that you permit us to tax ourselves to protect our interests. Bear in mind that this does not cost you one cent, it falls solely upon us.

With our helpless condition in your mind's eye, kindly read the enclosed circular, think seriously of our precarious situation and when you go to the polls Tuesday, November 6, cast a ballot that will forever relieve us from this annual menace which does now and will ever threaten us until Lake Okeechobee is brought nearer the ocean's level.

Respectfully,  
FORT MYERS BOARD OF TRADE.

### Presbyterian Church.

Rev. H. Keigwin Stated Supply.  
Services first and third Sundays in each month.

Sunday School 10 a. m.

Evening services will begin at 7 o'clock instead of 7:30 as heretofore.

Subject of morning discourse, Soul Winning; evening, Salvation Illustrated.

A meeting of the members and adherents of the church will be held at the close of the morning service to arrange for the dedication on the third Sunday of the month.

So great has been the demand for exhibit space at the Florida State Fair, to be held at Tampa, November 14 to 19, that the erection of several new buildings has been found to be necessary, and practically every building now standing on the grounds will have to be enlarged and extended. The capacity for livestock and poultry will have to be more than doubled, and the same is the case in almost every department of exhibition. It is now more than ever evident that the Fair will be a much grander success than that of last year, which eclipsed any fair ever held in the South before. Each mail also makes it evident that the attendance of home-seekers from other states is going to be double that of last year, and active preparations are now under way for accommodating the crowds.

We understand that the brick business house being erected for J. L. Jones next the bakery is to be used for an automobile and bicycle store.

## A CUTTING SCRAPE

### OUR READERS REFERRED TO THE TRIBUNE FOR FACTS.

Owing to the enterprise of the Tampa Tribune, which is always foremost in getting the news it is not necessary for us to give the details of a cutting scrape which occurred on the banks of Peace River, while a posse of deputies were guarding a negro rapist who had been taken there in anticipation of a raid on the jail. The negro still lives but will attempt no more rapes.

### Gilchrist and the State Fair.

Among the prominent visitors in the city yesterday was Hon. Albert W. Gilchrist, of Punta Gorda, who recently returned to Florida from an extended tour of the old world. General Gilchrist covered a great deal of the territory traversed by William Jennings Bryan.

General Gilchrist, who returns to Punta Gorda this morning, goes back with the determination that his county shall be represented at the State Fair in a most creditable manner, in spite of the refusal of the commissioners to make an appropriation. While in the city yesterday he made a statement to members of the Executive Committee of the Fair Association to the following effect:

"I will return to Punta Gorda tomorrow morning with the determination of having DeSoto county represented at the Fair in a most creditable manner, and work toward this end will begin at once. If necessary, I will gladly go down in my own pocket and appropriate a sum sufficient to purchase products for exhibition, and will otherwise do all I can to assist in the work. Mr. William Crouch, of Punta Gorda, who has had a great deal of experience in Fair work, will act as Commissioner, and he can be relied upon for securing an exhibit that will do the county honor."—Tampa Tribune.

### Ladies' Friday Musicale.

The Ladies' Friday Musicale met with Mrs. C. Y. Crawford Friday afternoon, October 26th, 1906. Fifteen members present. The following program was delightfully rendered:

Instrumental Solo, Love's Amen, Eaton  
Mrs. R. E. Brown  
Vocal Solo, Somewhere, Chas. K. Harris  
Mrs. J. N. Hollingsworth  
Instrumental Solo, Dance of the Brownies  
E. K. Kamman  
Mrs. W. H. Seward  
Instrumental Solo, Ballad of a Summer Day, F. Kellogg  
Mrs. J. H. Treadwell  
Vocal Solo, Violets, Ellen Wright  
Mrs. D. L. McSwain  
Instrumental Solo, Alpine Glow, Meyer  
Mrs. B. P. Robertson  
Instrumental Solo, Yellow Jonquils, Paul F. Johanning  
Mrs. R. E. Whidden  
Instrumental Solo, Flower Song, Gustav Lange, op. 39  
Mrs. C. Y. Crawford

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Carl Hayman.

Court is still in session and will probably last into next week. The grand jury finished their labors Wednesday. We regret not being able to give their presentment in this issue. It will appear next week.